

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. Application of:

Hiroyuki OKADA

For:

ACTUATOR AND DRIVING APPARATUS

THEREOF

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2001, which provides for a response period ending June 16, 2001 (because June 16 is a Saturday, it may be filed Monday, June 18, 2001).

In accordance with recent rule changes, amendments to the claims are presented herein by presenting a complete set of pending claims, as amended, in clean form. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," showing the current amendments to the claims is attached hereto.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: